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2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HENIN, ACCREDITED TO GHANA BUT RESIDENT IN ABIDJAN, GAVE US A READ-OUT APRIL 19 ON HIS MEETING EARLIER THAT MORNING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASAMOAH. ASAMOAH HAD EXPLAINED WHY THE GOG POSITION ON UNAMIR IN RWANDA DIFFERED WITH THAT OF BELGIUM. THE GHANAIANS PLANNED TO STICK IT OUT IN RWANDA, THE FONMIN EXPLAINED, SINCE THEY NEEDED TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP THEIR AFRICAN BROTHERS.

3. HE SAID THAT UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HAD TRIED TO CALL PRESIDENT RAWLINGS ON APRIL 18 AND RAWLINGS HAD

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TRIED TO RETURN THE CALL, BUT BOTH HAD HAD WRONG TELEPHONE NUMBERS. HAVING OBTAINED THE RIGHT NUMBERS, ASAMOAH INDICATED, THEY PROBABLY HAD SPOKEN ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 19. ALTHOUGH ASAMOAH APPARENTLY DID NOT HAVE THE RESULTS OF THAT CONVERSATION, HE ASSURED HENIN OF THE GOG'S CONFIDENCE THAT UGANDA HAD ENOUGH INFLUENCE WITH THE RPF TO PREVAIL ON ITS LEADERS TO ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE AND RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, ASAMOAH ASSERTED, THE RPF HAD NO INTEREST IN ATTACKING GHANA'S UNAMIR FORCE. IN ANY CASE, ACCORDING TO ASAMOAH, THE GHANAIAN FORCE WAS LARGE ENOUGH TO DEFEND ITSELF. HENIN SAID THAT ASAMOAH HAD ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER THE PROSPECT OF HAVING SOME OF THE BELGIAN UNAMIR CONTINGENT'S EQUIPMENT ALLOCATED TO THE GHANAIAN FORCE. BROWN

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